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SUBJECT: SKYHOOK PROJECT

1. PLEASE CONTACT COLIN UNSWORTH OF LIGHTSPEED
UNSWORTH. NEW YORK AND INFORM HIM OF FOLLOWING.

2. QUOTE. IMPERATIVE THAT YOU ARRANGE FINANCING TO PAY
PUBLIC WORKS AND GET PROJECT GOING. THERE NO PROBLEMS
ON THAT SIDE. YOU ARE RUNNING INTO PROBLEMS IN
HUDAYDAH, HOWEVER, WHICH WILL ONLY WORSEN WITH
EACH DAY DELAY. GORDON AND TWO YEMENIS IN PORT HAVE
NOT BEEN PAID SINCE NOVEMBER. HOTEL IN HUDAYDAH
CLAIMS BILLS FOR YOUR PEOPLE WHO HAVE STAYED THER NOT
PAID.THEREFORE THEY MIGHT TO TO GOVERNOR OF HUDAYDAH
TOATTEMPT SECURE MOBIL TRAILERS (?) AS COMPENSATION.
LOCAL SHIPPING AND FREIGHT COMPANY ALLEGEDLY PLANTING
RUMORS THAT GORDON SMUGGLER, SPY, ETC IN ATTEMPT
CREATE BAD IMAGE FOR SKYHOOK. GORDON BEING THROWN
OUT OF COUNTRY IN 9 DAYS FOR OBSCURE REASONS.
YOUR ARRIVAL BEFORE THEN MIGHT SAVE SITUATION.
YOUR PEOPLE TAKING BRUNT OF ABUSE, INCLUDING
PERSONAL FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES. WE AND CASSIM
HAVE EXPENDED ALL EFFORTS TO FACILITATE SKYHOOK
OPERATION. BALL IS IN YOUR COURT. IF YOU DON'T
ACT QUICKLY AND DECISIVELY YOU STAND LOSE LOT OF
MONEY. IT ALSO NOT HELPFUL US WITH REGARD
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GENERAL REPUTATION OF AMERICAN FIRMS. MOVE
FAST. END QUOTE.

3. FOR BODINE ONLY: WE PERPLEXED ABOUT UNWSWORTH
FOOT DRAGGING. COULD YOU GET RUNDOWN OF FIRM
FOR US AND PASS FINDINGS. THANKS.
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